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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel King

SUBJECT : Suggested Agenda for Meeting, 13 November

A. Read and discuss draft plan

B. Discuss [ ] station, integration, facilities

C. Discuss military assistance agreements

1. Can the three agreements begin fairly simultaneously ?
2. Can the accompanying publicity be restrained in tone ?
3. Can the withdrawal of the US Army Mission from

Guatemala be quiet and gradual ?

D. Discuss Ambassador to Honduras

E. Discuss Economic Warfare

F. Discuss US overt attitude toward Guatemala

1. Can we stop talking about Guatemala as a "hot spot" ?

Can we stop being overtly indignant ? In short, can we stop giving the Guatemalan government the satisfaction of angering us ?

2. Can we avoid "cracking down" verbally on the Guatemalan government ?

3. Can we, instead, call the problem "serious but transitory" ?

4. Can we, overtly, make a distinction between the Guatemalan government and the Guatemalan people ? Can OAS, instead of condemning the government, express sympathy for the people ?

5. Can the US Ambassador, as far as the Guatemalan government is concerned, be cool, aloof, hard to see ? Can he discreetly indicate friendship for the people ?

G. Discuss diplomacy of choice

H. Discuss cooperation of Public Affairs Officers

1. Can they take the handling of a lot of overt themes off

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our hands, both inside Guatemala and in the hemisphere ?

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Note - above discussed  
at length with Mr  
definitive action decided  
upon after general agreement

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